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California Selected to Host National K-16 Case Study Discussion

August 29, 2001– Sacramento – California has been selected by both the nationwide organization of State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) and by the Pathways to College Network as one of five states to host a national case study to examine the alignment of education from kindergarten through the baccalaureate degree, commonly referred to as K-16.

The California K-16 case study discussion will be jointly co-hosted by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) and Governor Davis' Office of the Secretary for Education. The California case study will be held in Sacramento on January 24 and 25, 2002.

At the forum, high-level representatives of national education organizations and other states will be participating in the discussion along with invited representatives from California's organizations involved in K-16 education programs and initiatives. Participants will exchange information about California's current and planned K-16 activities aimed at helping students prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education.

"We look forward to hosting these conversations to further improve California's ability to prepare all students to their fullest potential. California's K-16 initiatives are a key component of accomplishing that goal," stated Kerry Mazzoni, Governor Davis' secretary for education.

Warren Fox, the CPEC executive director added that, "These conversations will allow us to share California's successes with others and allow us to examine the approaches of other states in providing the critical support that students need to meet their full potential."

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Along with California, SHEEO will conduct case studies in Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, and Rhode Island. The discussions will be supported through grant funding from four U.S. Department of Education programs (GEAR UP, Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement, Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology, and the National School to Work Office). SHEEO is a non-profit, nationwide association of the chief executive officers serving statewide coordinating and governing boards of postsecondary education. The Pathways to College Network is a newly launched alliance of major foundations, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and the U.S. Department of Education, which are working together to improve college access and success for large numbers of underserved youth, including low-income, underrepresented minority, and first-generation students.

Further information about the California case study is available from Karl Engelbach of CPEC at (916) 322-7331. Information about the SHEEO K-16 initiative and the Pathways to College Network is available on the SHEEO website at www.sheeo.org/access/k16/bsks-home.htm.

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Please see attached agenda

Building Statewide K-16 Systems for Student Success

California Case Study

January 23-25, 2002

Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento - Sacramento, California

Hosted by the California Postsecondary Education Commission
and the Secretary for Education, Governor's Office

State Higher Education Executive Officers
Pathways to College Network

Final Agenda

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

CPEC, 1303 J Street, Suite 500, Sacramento

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Briefing Meeting

Involves the case study team and host state coordinators to discuss the coming days' activities and provide an overview of California K-16 initiatives.

Warren H. Fox, Executive Director, California Postsecondary Education Commission
Penny Edgert, Coordinator, Intersegmental Coordinating Committee
Ron Fox, Manager, Intersegmental Relations, California Department of Education
Karl Engelbach, Site Host, California Postsecondary Education Commission

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Reception in the Royal Room of the Sheraton Grand Hotel Hosted by The College Board, Sacramento Office

Highlights of selected California programs and activities:

Shelley Davis, Director, California State GEAR UP Program
Phyllis Jacobson, Director, California State Title II Teacher Quality Grant Program
Bette Felton, California K-16 School to Career Activities

7:30 p.m.

Adjourn for the day

Dinner on your own

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Carr Room (Second Floor) of the Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento

7:15 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.

Introductions and Agenda Overview

8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Statewide Leadership Structures

Existence of active regular collaborative work at the state level between K-12 and postsecondary education leaders and agencies

Warren Fox of the California Postsecondary Education Commission will provide introductory comments for this section of the discussion.

9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Curriculum Development and Assessment of Learning

Statewide efforts to align K-12 and postsecondary curriculum, standards, pedagogy, high school exit/college admissions and placement requirements

Ron Fox of the California Department of Education will provide introductory comments for this section of the discussion.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Break**

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- 11:30 am. - 12:45 p.m. **Early Outreach Programs**
Statewide efforts designed to inform, motivate and support elementary and secondary school students to encourage college participation
- Diana Michel of the University of California will provide introductory comments for this section of the discussion.*
- 12:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. **Teacher Quality Initiatives**
Statewide activities designed to improve teacher preparation, recruitment, induction, licensure, professional development, or other efforts aimed at improving the quality of the teacher workforce
- Sam Swofford of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing will provide introductory comments for this section of the discussion.*
- 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Data and Accountability Systems**
Development of statewide databases for K-12 and postsecondary education and the linkages between them; reporting systems in place that address student transition issues and student outcomes
- Bill Vasey and Warren Fox will both be providing introductory comments for this section of the discussion.*
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn for the day**
Dinner on your own

Friday, January 25, 2002

Carr Room (Second Floor) of the Sheraton Grand Hotel Sacramento

- 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Student Financial Aid and Other Incentives**
Statewide programs designed to make college attendance more affordable and attractive
- Sarah Tyson of the California Student Aid Commission will provide introductory comments for this section of the discussion.*
- 10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Debriefing**
Involves the case study team and host state coordinators to summarize discussions and follow-up activities
- 12:00 p.m. **Adjournment**